

Remarks

Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims as now presented is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Solely to expedite allowance of the pending claims, Claim 5 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is therefore warranted.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Derwent Patent Abstract No. 1992-250785. Claim 6 has been amended with reference to page 5 lines 10-16 of the application as originally filed. Nowhere does the cited reference teach or suggest the claims as now amended. As such, the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, the claims as now amended are believed to be unobvious and patentable over the cited prior art. Applicants therefore submit that the claims as now presented are allowable on the merits. An early allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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